



DECK LOG BOOK

OF THE

U.S.S. ABILITY

MSO-519

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

COMMANDED BY

T.B. POTTER JR. LCDR USN, U.S.N.

Attached to MINDIV 85 Division,
MINRON 8 Squadron,
U.S. ATLANTIC Flotilla,
SIXTH Fleet,
Naval District,

Commencing 0000; - 1A 1 MARCH, 19 66,
(zone time and date)

at PALOMARES, SPAIN,
(location)

and ending 2400, - 1A 31 MARCH, 19 66,
(zone time and date)

at VALENCIA, SPAIN
(location)

DECK LOG - REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MS0519) ZONE DESCRIPTION 1A DATE TUESDAY 1 MAR 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM _____ TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-12.2N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-44.1W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-13.1N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.4W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 UNDERWAY INDEPENDENTLY OFF PALOMARES, SPAIN
 CONDUCTING SONAR SEARCH IN ASSIGNED AREAS IN ACCORDANCE
 WITH CTF 65 NIGHT ORDERS FOR FEB MARCH 1966. BASE COURSES ARE 035° AND 215°. SPEED 1KT. SHIP IN CONDITION
 WATCH IV WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. OTC IS
 CTF 65 EMBARKED ON USS BOSTON (CAG 1). MANEUVERING
 AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE COVERING OP AREA.
BSUILL LTJG, USNR

04-08 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds while conducting
 sonar search in assigned areas. Base courses are 035° and 215°. 0714 lighted off the
 starboard main engine. 0750 Mustered the crew at quarters: No absentees. 0751 Steering
 various courses at various speeds enroute to Buoy Buoy Buoy Xray to calibrate
 DECCA gear. 0755 Passing Buoy Xray abeam to port at range of 30 feet. p22
Marvin L. Basso, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS
 COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE COVERING OP-AREA.
 1050 THE FOLLOWING MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL CAME
 ABOARD FOR SALV-OPS: LT COL. WALTER VORNBROCK, USAF,
 AIRMAN 2ED CLASS MORGAN, USAF, ANGE CORUGEDO AND
 WILLIAM BARTON, CIVILIAN INTERPRETERS, AND ALFONSO SIMO
 AND FRANCISCO SIMO-ORTES, CITIZENS OF SPAIN. AUTHORITY:
 CTF 65 MSG 010758Z MARCH.

JH Clouty
 LTJG USNR.

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

JOB Potting LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

RJ Osterman, LT.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)DATE TUESDAY 1 MAR 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE, MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE ON ASSIGNED OPERATIONS. 1505 PROCEEDING TO UOL SEARCH AREA. 1530 COMMENCED UOL SEARCH IN ASSIGNED OPAREA. BASE COURSE LEGS 035 AND 215. SECURED PORT MAIN ENGINE.

R. W. Sendelbach, ENS, USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1810 COMMENCED MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CHECKING DEPTH OF WATER AT ANCHORAGES B1, C1, C2. 1920 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR ANCHORING. OOD HAS THE CONN, CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. 1957 COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR ANCHORING. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE MAKING APPROACH TO ANCHORAGE.

BSU Hall, LDC, USNR

20-24 Underway as before. Maneuvering at various courses and speeds while making approach to anchorage. 2005 Let go the port anchor. 2010 Port anchor chain parted while maneuvering to insure a good anchorage. Commenced heaving around to recover port anchor chain. 2012 Port anchor chain clear of the water. Commenced making preparations to make ready the starboard anchor for letting go. 2018 Motor whale boat from USS Kival (MSO 468) alongside starboard quarter. 2020 Motor whale boat from Kival departed this ship. 2021 Maneuvering at various courses and speeds while making approach to anchorage. 2044 Let go the starboard anchor. 2049 Anchored in Area Charlie Four, Palomares, Spain, in five fathoms of water, rough bottom, with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Flashing white light 216°, Number one fixed red light 286°, Number two fixed red light 004°. Other ships present include units of Task Force 65. SOPA is W. S. Guest, LADM, USN, CTF 65, embarked on the USS Boston (CAG 1). 2052 Secured the special sea and anchor detail. 2139 Received shuttle boat of USS Boston alongside on starboard quarter. 2140 Shuttle boat of USS Boston departed this ship. 2149 Received shuttle boat of USS Caspale (AD 16) alongside on starboard quarter. 2151 Shuttle boat of USS Caspale departed this ship. 2155 Motor whale boat of Ability launched and underway for USS Boston. 2226 Motor whale boat of Ability returned to this ship. 2231 Motor whale boat recovered.

*Marvin S. Bann, Jr.
Ensign, USNR*

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

263 Potter, J. LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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DECK LOG - REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO 519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE WEDNESDAY 2 MAR 1966
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-14.0N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-44.0W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-14.2N</u>	BY _____	
λ <u>01-39.5W</u>	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 ANCHORED IN BERTH C-4, U.S. NAVY OP-AREA, PALOMARES, SPAIN, IN 29 FEET OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 45 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHORAGE BEARINGS: FLASHING WHITE LIGHT 216°T, FIXED RED LIGHT 286°T, AND FIXED RED LIGHT 001°T. SHIP IN CONDITION OF READINESS I, MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF TF 65, USNS DUTTON, AND USNS MIZAR. SOPA IS U.S. GUEST, RADM, USN, CTF 65.

[Signature]
 LTJG USNR

04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 0545 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0750 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

[Signature], ENS, USNR

08-12 ^{ANCHORED} UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0801 SET THE ANCHOR DETAIL. 0810 COMPLETED PREPARATION FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0804 HAS THE CONN, CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. 0818 ANCHOR AWEIGH. UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF ORDERS OF 2 MARCH 1966. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE STANDING OUT OF ANCHORAGE AND MAKING APPROACH TO AREA FOR RECOVERY OF PARTED ANCHOR AND CHAIN. 0955 ATTACHED LINE TO SUBMERGED ANCHOR CHAIN. 1015 ANCHOR CHAIN ABOARD. 1040 ANCHOR AWEIGH. MANEUVERING TO CLEAR ANCHORAGE AND PROCEED TO BUOY XRAY FOR CALIBRATION. 1112 PASSED BUOY XRAY ABOARD TO PORT, DISTANCE 5 YARDS. PROCEEDING TO ASSIGNED OP AREA. 1130 PORT ~~ENG~~ ENGINE BSW OUT OF COMMISSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 24 HOURS DUE TO DROPPED VALVE.

[Signature], LTJG, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

[Signature] LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

[Signature] LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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USS ABILITY (MSO-519)DATE Wednesday 2 March 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds while conducting sonar search of assigned area.

Marvin S. Bams
Ensign, USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1608 $\text{C}/170^{\circ}\text{T}$ 1612 $\text{C}/130^{\circ}\text{T}$ 1617 $\text{C}/5$ 7.5 KNOTS. 1715 $\text{C}/215^{\circ}\text{T}$ $\text{C}/5$ 5 KNOTS. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO CONFORM WITH OPAREA WHILE CONDUCTING OUTER PERIMETER PATROL.

JB Clouty
LTJG USNR.

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2140 SECURED FROM OUTER PERIMETER PATROL AND COMMENCED MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE PROCEEDING TO ASSIGNED OPAREA. 2255 COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING SONAR SEARCH IN ASSIGNED OPAREA. BASE COURSE LEGS 215° AND 035° .

RW Sendelbach, ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

263 Pottinger

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USS ABILITY MSO519 ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE THURSDAY 3 MAR 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-14.6N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.8W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-13.9 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.0W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 UNDERWAY INDEPENDENTLY OFF PALOMARES, SPAIN CONDUCTING UNDERWATER SEARCH OF AREAS A12 AND A13 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 65 NIGHT ORDERS OF 2-3 MARCH 1966. BASE COURSE IS 035/215. BASE SPEED 3 KTS. OTC IS CTF 65 EMBARKED ON USS BOSTON (CAG-1) SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH IV WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKER SET. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING OPERATIONS.

BS Willard LTJG USNR

04-08 Underway as before. 0717 Steering various courses at various speeds enroute to calibrate DECCA gear at Buoy Xray. 0745 Launched motor whale boat to transfer equipment to USNS Mizar. 0750 Passed Buoy Xray abeam to port at range of 50 feet. Mustered the crew at quarters. Absentees: None. 0755 Steering various courses at various speeds to recover motor whale boat. 0759 Recovered motor whale boat.

Marvin S. Baus, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING OPERATIONS IN AREA C-3. 0955 MSRS. WILLIAM MANQUIT, A. BARTLETT, V. WILSON, E. HAYS, CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS, EMBARKED CDR. R. *JR* BOYKIN, USN, EMBARKED FOR OPERATIONS WITH ALVIN. AUTHORITY: CTF 65 MSG 022102Z MARCH. 1041 NAVY *JR* DIVERS COGGESHALL, GMGC, AND MEEKS, BM1 EMBARKED FOR ALVIN OPS. AUTHORITY: CTF 65 MSG 022102Z MARCH. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING OPS WITH ALVIN.

BS Clark
 LTJG USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

BS Bathy LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

RJ Osterman LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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USS ABILITY MS0519DATE THURSDAY 3 MAR. 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE, MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED OPERATIONS.

RW Sendelbach, ENS, USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1817 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR ANCHORING. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE PROCEEDING TO ANCHORAGE C-2. 1900 COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR ANCHORING. OOD HAS THE CONN, CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. 1910 ANCHORED OFF PALOMARES, SPAIN IN 38 FEET OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 38 FATHOMS OF CHAIN ON THE STARBOARD ANCHOR.

BS Willard, LTJG, USNR

20-24 Anchored as before. 2216 Motor whaleboat returned to this ship. 2218 Recovered motor whaleboat.

Marvin S. Bano, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

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EXAMINED:

1656 Botter, J. COOR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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USS ABILITY MS0519 ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE FRIDAY 4 MAR 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM _____ TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-12.6 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-44.1 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-14.0 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.5 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
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 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 ANCHORED IN U.S. NAVY OP-AREA, PALOMARES, SPAIN, IN 38 FEET OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 38 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR. ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHORAGE BEARINGS: FIXED RED LIGHT 007°T, FIXED RED LIGHT 300.5°T, AND FLASHING WHITE LIGHT 217°T. SHIP IN CONDITION OF READINESS II, MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF TASK FORCE 65. JOPA IS U.S. GUEST, RADM, USN, CTF 65.

AB Clouty
 LTJG USNR

04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 0630 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0715 STATIONED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 0728 COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. DRAFT: FORWARD 10' 7", AFT 11' 4". CAPTAIN HAS THE CONN. NAVIGATOR AND OOD ON THE BRIDGE. 0744 UNDERWAY FOR ASSIGNED OPAREA. 0750 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE. 0756 SECURED SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL.

AW Seibelbach, ENS, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

BS Willard, LCDR, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

AB Clouty, CDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

RJ Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE FRIDAY, 4 MAR 19 66
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds controlling ALVIN. 1233 Launched motor whale boat. 1300 Recovered motor whale boat. Motor whale boat out of commission due to blown head gasket. 1345 Righted off starboard main engine. 1500 Steering various courses at various speeds to receive liberty launch of USS Fort Snelling (LSD 30) alongside port quarter. 1513 Liberty launch departed this ship. 1514 Underway for Cartagena, Spain, in accordance with CTF 65 operations order. 1520 Motor whale boat back in commission. C/C 070°. C/S 12 knots.

Marvin L. Paus, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1719 C/C 043°T. 1816 C/C 038°T. 1907 STATIONED THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 1915 C/C 030°T. 1919 C/C 028°T C/S 9 KNOTS. 1921 MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO CONFORM WITH CHANNEL AT CARTEGENA, SPAIN. 1937 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO U.S. NAVY FUEL PIER, CARTEGENA, SPAIN. 1939 SECURED SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 20

AS Clark
LTJG USNR

20-24. MOORED AS BEFORE. 2010 COMMENCED FUELING FROM FUEL PIER, DRAFT: FORWARD 10' 7", AFT 11' 2". 2034 FUELING COMPLETED, HAVING TAKEN ON 4915 GALS. OF DIESEL FUEL. DRAFT: FORWARD 10' 7", AFT 11' 3".

PU Sendelbach, ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

263 B. H. J. - CDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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DECK LOG - REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MS0519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SATURDAY 5 MAR. 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM CARTEGENA, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
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 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO FUEL PIER AT CARTEGENA, SPAIN, WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED AND WIRES OUT FORWARD AND AFT. SHIP IS IN CONDITION WATCH V WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. RECEIVING FRESH WATER FROM THE PIER. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE SPANISH AND U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET, AND VARIOUS MERCHANT AND HARBOR CRAFT. SOPA IS COMING IN 85' EMBARKE ON THIS SHIP.

RW Sundelbach, ENS, USNR

04-08 MOORED AS BEFORE. 0750 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

RW Sundelbach, ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

163 Pottier LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R J Osterman LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO.519)DATE SATURDAY 5 MAR 66
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

08-24 MOORED AS BEFORE. 1800 SET MATERIAL CONDITION
YOKE. 2100 PUT OUT WIRES FORE AND AFT.

BS Willard, LTJG, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

BS Potter, LCDR U. S. N. COMMANDING

BS Osterman, LT U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MS0519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SUNDAY 6 MARCH 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM CARTEGENA, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-14.5N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.9W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-14.0N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.5W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO FUEL PIER AT CARTEGENA, SPAIN WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED AND WIRES OUT FORE AND AFT. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH IV WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. RECEIVING FRESH WATER FROM THE PIER. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE SPANISH AND U.S. ATLANTIC FLEETS, AND VARIOUS MERCHANT AND HARBOR CRAFT. SOPA IS COMING ON BOARD EMBARKED ON THIS SHIP. 0230 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0255 SET THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 0315 COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. CAPTAIN HAS THE CONN, OOD AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. 0320 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMCTF 65 ORDER. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE STANDING OUT OF THE HARBOR. 0331 OOD TOOK THE CONN. 0333 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. SET THE REGULAR UNDERWAY WATCH SET COURSE 220° SPEED 10 KTS.

BSW Willard, LTJG, USNR

04-08 Underway as before. 0515 c/c 258°. 0532 c/c 259°. 0639 c/c 256°. 0649 c/c 225°. 0658 c/c 280°. c/s 9 knots. 0707 c/c 275°. 0722 c/c 285°. 0723 c/s 2 knots. c/c 340°. 1725 c/s 1 knot. 0738 c/c 205° 0742 launched motor whale boat. Motor whale boat enroute to USS Boston (CAG 1). Steering various courses at various speeds waiting for motor whale boat to return to this ship. 0750 Mustered the crew on station. Absentees: None. 0759 Received motor launch from USS Fort Snelling (LSD 30) alongside port quarter.

Marvin S. Pans, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

W. B. Potter, LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE SUNDAY 6 MAR. 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS, WHILE CONDUCTING DAILY OPS.

BS Willard, LCDR, USNR

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE, MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING DAILY OPS.

RW Sindelbach, ENS, USNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

BS Willard
LTJG USNR

18-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1823 MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE PROCEEDING TO ANCHORAGE. 1830 STATION SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 1857 ANCHORED OFF PALOMARES, SPAIN, AT ANCHORAGE C-2, IN 41 FEET OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 40 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHOR BEARINGS: FLASHING WHITE LIGHT 217, STEADY RED LIGHT 008, RED LIGHT 303. 1910 SECURED SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL.

RW Sindelbach, ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

BS Pottery LCDR U. S. N. COMMANDING

RJ Osterman, LT U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MJO519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE MONDAY 7 MAR 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-11.8 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.0 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-12.3 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.8 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-12.8 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.9 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 ANCHORED OFF PALOMARES, SPAIN, AT ANCHORAGE C-2 IN 41 FEET OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 40 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR. ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHOR BEARINGS: FLASHING WHITE LIGHT 217.5. STEADY RED LIGHT 008° RED LIGHT 303.5°. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH IV WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. SOPA IS CTF 65 EMBARKED ON LNS BOSTON (CAG 1).

BSU (land), 1 PM, USNR

04-08 Anchored as before. 0615 Commenced preparations for getting underway. 0630 Completed all preparations for getting underway. Stationed the special anchor detail. 0650 launched motor whale boat. 0652 Captain and Navigator on the bridge, OOD has the conn. 0652 Commenced heaving in on the starboard anchor. 0702 Anchor aweigh. Underway in accordance with CTF 65 day orders of 7 March 1966. Steering various courses at various speeds enroute to calibrate DECCA navigational gear. 0710 Recovered motor whale boat. Secured the special anchor detail. 0737 Steering various courses at various speeds to close USS 7th Snelling (LSD 30) and assist in ALVIN launch. 0750 Mustered the crew at quarters. Absentees: None.

Marvin S. Bann, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

JSC (land)
 LTJG USNR.

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

JG Potter, LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R J Osterman, LT.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE MONDAY 7 MAR. 19 66
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING DAILY OPS.

RUC Sondelbach, ENS, USNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE ASSISTING IN RECOVERY OF UNDERWATER SEARCHING VEHICLE.

BSW. Ward, LTJG, USNR

18-20 Underway as before. 1810 Steering various courses at various speeds to relieve USS Lind (DD 703) of perimeter patrol. 1815 Steering various courses at various speeds while on perimeter patrol.

*Marvin J. Baus, Jr.
Ensign, USNR*

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2037 USS LIND (DD 703) ASSUMED PERIMETER PATROL. 2038 C/L 335°T. 2135 C/L 325°T. C/S 5 KNOTS.

2150 C/L 355°T. 2230 MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING UNDERWATER SEARCH OF OP-AREA.

*J. B. Cloutier
LTJG USNR*

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

W. B. Botter, Jr.

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE TUESDAY 8 MAR 1966
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, Spain TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-12.0N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.2W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-12.6N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.9W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-12.8N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.1W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

 LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY CONDUCTING NIGHT OPS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 65 NIGHT ORDERS FOR 7-8 MARCH 1966. SOPA IS CTF 65 EMBARKED ON BOARD USS BOSTON (SAG 1). SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH IV WITH MATERIAL CONDITION. YOKE SET. BASE SPEED 3 KTS. COURSE LEGS 035/215.

RU Sendelbach, ENS, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0700 MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE ASSISTING IN LAUNCHING OF UNDERWATER SEARCH VEHICLE. 0750 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS ABSENTS NONE

BS Willard, LTJG, USNR

08-12 Underway as before. ~~0829~~ ⁰⁸⁴⁰ launched motor whale boat. 0941 Motor whale boat enroute to USS Tringa (ARS-16) and USS Cascade (AD-16). 0942 steering various courses at various speeds while controlling underwater search vehicle.

*Marvin S. Bane, Jr.
Ensign, USNR*

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

W. B. Pitter, Jr. CDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)

DATE TUESDAY 8 MAR. 19 66
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED OPERATIONS.

LTJL CSNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE, PROCEEDING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS TO BUOY ALPHA TO CALIBRATE DECCA. 1603 PASSED BUOY ALPHA ABEAM TO PORT. 1604 PROCEEDING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS TO ANCHORAGE. 1656 STATIONED SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 1719 ANCHORED OFF PALOMARES, SPAIN, AT ANCHORAGE C-2, IN 45 FT. OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 45 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHOR BEARINGS: RED LIGHT 365, TOWER ON HILL 297, NUMBER TWO TOWER 223. 1724 SECURED SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL.

M. Sanderbach, EWS, GSNR

18-20 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

BSU Willard, LOTS, WARR

20-24 Anchored as before.

Marvin S. Bane, Jr.
Ensign, USAR

APPROVED :

EXAMINED:

BB Potter J LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R/O Storman, HT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS ABILITY (MSO 519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE WEDNESDAY 9 MAR 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-12.2 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
<u>λ 01-43.2 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-13.1 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
<u>λ 01-44.1 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
<u>λ _____</u>	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 ANCHORED IN U.S. NAVY OP-AREA, PALOMARES, SPAIN, IN 45 FEET OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 45 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHORAGE BEARINGS: FIXED RED LIGHT 004°M, FIXED RED LIGHT 293°M, AND FLASHING WHITE LIGHT 224°M. SHIP IS IN CONDITION OF READINESS II, MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF TASK FORCE 65. SOPA IS U.S. GUEST, RADN, UNN, CTF 65.

J. Clardy
 LTJG USNR

04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 0540 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0610 STATIONED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 0616 COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. CAPTAIN HAS THE CONN, NAVIGATOR AND OOD ON THE BRIDGE. DRAFT: FORWARD 10' 7", AFT 11' 4". 0619 UNDERWAY FOR ASSIGNED OPAREA. 0632 SECURED SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 0655 MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED OPS. 0750 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES 1 NONE.

W. S. Wilkerson, LTJG USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED OPERATIONS.

B. S. Wilkerson, LTJG USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

B. S. Wilkerson LCDR U. S. N. COMMANDING *B. S. Wilkerson* LT. U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE WED 9 MAR, 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds while conducting assigned operations. 1502 launched motor whale boat to assist in recovery of underwater search vehicle. 1546 Recovered motor whale boat.

Marvin S. Beasly
Ensign, USNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED OPS.

[Signature]
LTJG USNR

5 18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

RW Sendelbach, ENS, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

ISS Willard, LTJG, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

[Signature] CCOR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

[Signature] LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSG 519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE THURSDAY 10 MAR. 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-13.2 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.9 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-14.0 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.8 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 Steaming independently while conducting sonar search of operation areas Half 15 and Half 16, in accordance with CTF 65 night orders for 9-10 March 1966. Search courses are 041° and 221°. Base speed 3 knots. Ship is in Condition Watch Four, with material condition Yoke set. OTC is CTF 65, embarked on USS Boston (CAG-17). 0205 Commenced search of operation areas Half 17 and Half 18.
 Marvin J. Baus, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0750 MUSTERED CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

[Signature]
 LTJG USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. PROCEEDING TO ASSIGNED OPAREA. 0929 COMMENCED UOL SEARCH AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS IN ASSIGNED OPAREA.

[Signature] ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

[Signature] LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

[Signature] LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE THURSDAY 10 MAR 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED OPERATIONS.

B. W. Wood, LTJG, USNR

16-18 Underway as before. Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds while conducting assigned operations.

Marvin L. Baus, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1826 $\frac{1}{2}$ 155° M. 1829 MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO MOOR ALONGSIDE USS NESPELEN (AOG 55) STATIONED SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 1839 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO USS NESPELEN (AOG 55) WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. 1844 SECURED SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 1904 COMMENCED FUELING FROM USS NESPELEN (AOG 55) DRAFT FORWARD 10'6" AFT 11'5". 1948 COMPLETED FUELING. DRAFT FORWARD 10'4" AFT 11'3". STATIONED SPECIAL SEA DETAIL.

J. P. Clark
LTJG USNR

20-24 MOORED AS BEFORE. COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. CAPTAIN HAS THE CONN, NAVIGATOR AND OOD ON THE BRIDGE. DRAFT 1 FORWARD 10'7", AFT 11'3". 2005 UNDERWAY FROM ALONGSIDE USS NESPELEN (AOG 55) MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED NIGHT OPS. 2014 SECURED SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL.

R. W. Sandoz, Jr., LTJG, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

B. B. Potter, LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY MD0079 ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE FRIDAY 11 MAR 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-13.0N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-44.0W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-12.8N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.0W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-13.0N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.6W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY ENROUTE TO PALOMARES OP-AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 65 NIGHT ORDERS FOR 10-11 MARCH 1966. BASE COURSE 290° SPEED 5 KTS. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH II WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKO SET. OTC IS CTF 65 EMBARKED ON USS BOSTON (CAG-1)
BSullivan, LTJG, USNR

04-08 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds carrying out assigned operations. 0718 launched motor whale boat. Motor whale boat enroute to USS Boston (CAG-1). 0738 Recovered motor whale boat. 0750 Mustered the crew at quarters. Absentees: None.

Marvin S. Baus, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

08-12- UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED OPS.

J. S. Clark
 LTJG USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

26 Petty, LCDR U. S. N. COMMANDING R. J. Osterman, LT U. S. N. NAVIGATOR
 TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 579)DATE FRIDAY 11 MAR. 19 66
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

5 12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE, MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED DAY OPS. 1524 PROCEEDING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS TO ASSIGNED OPAREA.

RW. Senkelbach, ENS, USNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1608 COMMENCED MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTION UNDERWATER SEARCH OF ASSIGNED OPAREAS.

BS Willard, LTJG, USNR

18-20 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds while conducting underwater search of assigned operation areas.

*Marvin J. Baus, Jr.
Ensign, USNR*

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*J. Delaney
LTJG USNR*

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

W. B. (Bobby) J. ... U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MS0519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SATURDAY 12 MAR 1966
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-14.2 N</u> BY <u>2</u>		
λ <u>01-43.6 W</u> BY <u>2</u>		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-14.6 N</u> BY <u>2</u>		
λ <u>01-43.0 W</u> BY <u>2</u>		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-13.9 N</u> BY _____		
λ <u>01-41.2 W</u> BY _____		

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

5 00-04 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY OFF COAST OF PALOMARES, SPAIN, CONDUCTING UOL SEARCH IN AREAS G 30, G 31, AND G 32 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 65 NIGHT ORDERS OF 11-12 MARCH 1966. BASE SPEED 3 KTS. BASE COURSE 035/215. SOPA IS CTF 65 EMBARKED ON USS BOSTON (CAG 1). SHIP IS IN CONDITION WATCH IV WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET.
AW Sendeibach, EWS, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0750 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.
BSU Willard, LCDR, USNR

08-12 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds while carrying out assigned operations. 0955 launched motor whale boat. Motor whale boat underway for USS Blandy (DD-943). 1005 Recovered motor whale boat.

Maurin J. Bane, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

103 Botly LCDR U. S. N. COMMANDING

R J Osterman LTJG

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSC-519)DATE SATURDAY 12 MAR 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

5 12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES
AND SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED DAY OPS.

RW-Senfelbach, ENS, USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1618 MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS
COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE RECOVERING TRANSPONDER AND DAN
BUOY.

BSW-Hall, LTJG, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES
AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE ASSISTING IN RECOVERY OF UNDER-
WATER SEARCHING VEHICLE.

J. H. Clancy
LTJG USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

AB Potts, LCDR U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MS0519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SUNDAY 13 MAR 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-12.8 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.1 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-12.5 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.0 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-13.0 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.1 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 ANCHORED OFF PALOMARES, SPAIN, AT ANCHORAGE C-4 IN 50 FT. OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 45 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHOR BEARINGS: RED LIGHT NO. 1 284°, RED LIGHT NO. 2 354°, FLASHING WHITE LIGHT 218°. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH II WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. SOPA IS CTF 65 EMBARKED ON USS BOSTON (CAS 1).

AW Smedleybach, ENS, USNR

04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 0425 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0512 SET THE ANCHOR DETAIL. CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE, COO HAS THE CONN. 0519 COMMENCED HEAVING IN ON STARBOARD ANCHOR. 0529 ANCHOR AHEAD. UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 65 DAY ORDERS OF 13 MARCH 66. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CALIBRATING NAVIGATION GEAR AND PREPARING TO LAY TRANSPONDER AND BUOY. 0750 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES NONE.

BSU Willard, LTJG, USNR

08-12 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds to maintain station for launch of underwater search vehicle. 0906 launched motor whale boat to assist in launch of underwater search vehicle. 1005 Recovered motor whale boat. 1006 Steering various courses at various speeds while controlling underwater search vehicle.

*Marvin S. Baus, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR*

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

W. B. Kelly JCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE SUNDAY 13 MARCH 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

J. B. Clukey
LTJG USNR

S 16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

Paul Sanderbach, ENS, USNR

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

BSWILLIAM, LTJG, USNR

20-24 Underway as before. 2001 c/c 280°. c/s 11 knots. Underway for assigned anchorage in area Charlie-5. Commenced preparations for anchoring. 2020 Completed Stationed the special sea and anchor detail. 2025 Completed all preparations for anchoring. OOD has the Conn. Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 2030 Anchored off Palomares, Spain, in 54 feet of water, mud bottom, with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. 2035 Secured the special sea and anchor detail.

Marvin S. Baus, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

W. B. Botley, LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS ABILITY (MSO 519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE MONDAY 14 MARCH 1966
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-14.1N</u>	BY _____	
λ <u>01-44.1W</u>	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 ANCHORED IN BERTH C-5, U.S. NAVY OP-AREA, PALOMARES, SPAIN, IN 54 FEET OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 60 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHORAGE BEARINGS: FLASHING WHITE LIGHT 221°T, FIXED WHITE LIGHT 241°T AND FIXED RED LIGHT 001°T. SHIP IN CONDITION OF READINESS V, MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF TF 65 AND USNS MIZAR. SOPA IS U.S. GUEST, RADM, USN, CTF 65.

J. S. Clardy
 LTJG USNR

5 04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 0750 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

M. S. Lindelbach, ENS, USNR

08-12 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 0930 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0940 SET THE ANCHOR DETAIL. 0953 COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE, OOD HAS THE CONN. 1000 ANCHOR AWEIGH. UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 65 DAILY OPS OF 14 MARCH 1966. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE PROCEEDING TO REFERENCE BUOY FOR NAVIGATIONAL CALIBRATION AND TO SEARCH ASSIGNED SEARCH AREA. 1016 SECURED ANCHOR DETAIL. SET REGULAR UNDERWAY WATCH.

J. S. Clardy, LTJG USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

J. S. Clardy, LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE MON. 14 MAR. 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds while conducting underwater search of areas Zulu 21 and Zulu 23. 1458 launched motor whale boat. Motor whale boat underway for USS Boston (CAG-1).

Marvin S. Baus, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

5 16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1720 COMMENCED ENGINEERING CASUALTY DRILLS.

RW Sendelbach, ENS, USNR

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1820 HELD STEERING CASUALTY DRILL. 1828 SECURED FROM DRILL. 1850 C/C 180°T. C/S 1 KNOT. 1901 C/S 6 KNOTS 1911 C/C 230°T 1928 C/C 215°T 1942 C/S 1 KNOT. 1944 STATIONED AGH ANCHOR DETAIL. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO APPROACH ANCHORAGE. 1954 ANCHORED IN AREA CHARLIE 2, U.S. NAVY OP-AREA, PALOMARES, SPAIN, IN 45 FEET OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 45 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS: FLASHING WHITE LIGHT 218°T, FIXED WHITE LIGHT 296°T, AND FIXED RED LIGHT 004°T. SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE UNITS OF TASK FORCE 65. JOPA IS U.S. GUEST, RADM, USN, CTF 65.

JS Clunk
LTJG USNR

W 20-24 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 2000 SECURED THE ANCHOR DETAIL. SET THE REGULAR ANCHOR WATCH.

ISS Villard, LTJG, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

BB Potts, LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

RJ Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS ABILITY (MSO 519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE TUESDAY 15 MAR 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-14.3 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.9 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-14.0 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.1 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-13.6 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.9 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 Anchored in area Charlie-2, Palomares, Spain, in 45 feet of water, mud bottom, with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Flashing white light 218°, Fixed white light 296°, Flashing red light 004°. Ship is in Condition Watch Five, with material condition Yoke set. Other ships present include various units of Task Force 65. OTC is CTF 65, embarked on USS Boston (CAG-1). 0015 Motor whale boat returned to this ship and recovered. 0030 Motor whale boat engine and hull inspected for damage; engine suffered no damage; hull found to have sustained minor damage.

Marvin J. Bauer, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 0610 STATIONED SPECIAL ANCHOR DETAIL. 0625 UNDERWAY FOR ASSIGNED OPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 65 DAILY OP SCHEDULE. CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. OOD HAS THE CONN. 0630 MANEUVERING TO CLEAR ANCHORAGE. 0632 C/L 060° T 1/5 10 KNOTS. 0633 SECURED ANCHOR DETAIL. 0750 MUSTERED CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

AB Chaudhry
 LTJG USNR.

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED DAILY OPS.

RU Sendelbach, ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

AG Botte LCDR U. S. N. COMMANDING

RJ Osterman LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MS0519)DATE TUESDAY 15 MAR. 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1306 CTF 65 ARRIVED ON BOARD FROM
USS BOSTON (CAG-1)

BSWillard, LTJG, USNR

16-18 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds while
carrying out assigned operations.

Marvin S. Baus, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1959 CTF 65 DEPARTED.

JH Clark
LTJG USNR

S 20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2011 SECURED PORT MAIN
ENGINE. 2113 COMMENCED INNER BARRIER PATROL. BASE
COURSE LEGS 035/215.

RW Sindelbach, ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

B. Boller, JCDR U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Oatman, LT U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS ABILITY (MSO 519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE WEDNESDAY 16 MAR 1966
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-13.4N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-44.1W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-12.9N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.9W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-13.2N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.1W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 UNDERWAY INDEPENDENTLY CONDUCTING INNER BARRIER PATROL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 65 NIGHT ORDERS FOR 15-16 MARCH 1966. BASE COURSE IS 035/215. SPEED 1.5 KTS. SHIP IN COMBINATION WATCH IV WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKES SET. OTC IS CTF 65 EMBARKED ON USS ALBANY (CG 10)
BSC Willard, LTJG, USNR

04-08 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds while conducting inner barrier patrol. 0700 Steering various courses at various speeds enroute to calibrate navigational equipment, and carry out underwater search in assigned operation areas. 0750 Mustered the crew at quarters. Absentees: None.

Marvin L. Bano, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1000 COMIN DIV EIGHT FIVE SHIFTED HIS FLAG FROM USS SALUTE (MSO 470) TO USS ABILITY (MSO 519)

J. B. Clardy
 LTJG USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

10 B. Potts, Jr. LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE WEDNESDAY 16 MAR 66
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1541 MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE MAKING APPROACH TO USS NESPELEN (AOG 55). STATIONED SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL.

AW Seibelbach, ENS, USNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1603 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO USS NESPELEN (AOG 55) AT ANCHORAGE OFF PALAMARES, SPAIN WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. 1605 SECURED SPECIAL SEA DETAIL SET REGULAR MOORING WATCH. 1715 COMMENCED TAKING ON FUEL. DRAFT FORWARD 10'9" AFT 10'8".

SSW Wilson LTJG USNR

18-20 Moored as before. 1805 Completed taking on fuel. Draft ten feet seven inches forward, eleven feet two inches aft. Commenced preparations for getting underway. 1809 Stationed the special sea detail. 1812 Completed preparations for getting underway. 1820 OOD has the Conn; Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 1821 Underway from alongside USS Nespele (AO-55) to sea to dump trash. 1830 Secured special sea detail. Set regular underway watch. Steering various courses at various speeds standing out to sea.

*Marvin A. Bann, Jr.
Ensign, USNR*

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2213 C/L 310° T 2322 C/L 9.5 KNOTS. 2327 C/L 11.5 KNOTS.

*J. H. Clark
LTJG USNR*

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

103 Both J LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MS0519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE THURSDAY 17 MAR. 1966
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-13.6 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.1 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY OFF COAST OF PALOMARES, SPAIN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 65 NIGHT ORDERS FOR 16-17 MARCH 1966. SHIP IS IN CONDITION WATCH III WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. SOPA IS U.S. GUEST, ADM, USN, CTF 65 EMBARKED ON USS ALBANY (CG 10). 0016 COMMENCED INNER BARRIER PATROL. BASE SPEED 3KTS. BASE COURSE 035/215.

RW Sendelbach, ENS, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0730 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR ANCHORING. 0750 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS; ABSENTS: NONE.

BS Willard, LTJG, USNR

08-12 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds proceeding to anchorage. 0823 Completed preparations for anchoring. Stationed the special anchor detail. 0833 Anchored in assigned area off Palomares, Spain, in 48 feet of water, mud bottom, with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Tower number one 229°, tower number two 241°, tower number three 018°. Ships present include units of Task Force 65. OTC is CTF 65 embarked on USS Albany (CG-10). 0840 Secured the special anchor detail.

Marvin L. Bano, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

W B Ritty, LCDR U. S. N. COMMANDING

R J Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS

ABILITY (MSO 517)

DATE

THURSDAY 17 MAR. 1966

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFOREJ. B. Clardy
LTJG USNR16-18 ANCHORED AS BEFORERW Sandelbach, ENS, USNR18-20 ANCHORED AS BEFOREBSW McLaughlin LTJG USNR20-24 Anchored as beforeMarvin J. Paus, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

AB Potts CDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

RJ Osterman

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE FRIDAY 18 MAR 19 66
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds while conducting sonar search of assigned operation areas. 1545 Steering various courses at various speeds enroute to U.S.S. Cascade (AD-16).

Marvin S. Pans, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1615 C/C 080°T. 1621 C/C 275°T. 1653 C/S 8 KNOTS. 1703 C/C 040°T C/S 6 KNOTS. 1713 C/C 210°T. 1745 C/C 050°T C/S 1 KNOT 1751 C/C 240°T.

J. B. Clardy
LTJG USNR

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1923 COMMENCED OUTER BARRIER. BASE SPEED 4 KTS. BASE COURSE 020/200.

RW Sindellbach, OWS, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

BS Willard, LTJG, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

B. Potts, LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SATURDAY 19 MAR 1966
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-13.1 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
<u>01-43.8 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-13.9 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
<u>01-44.0 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-14.2 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
<u>01-42.0 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

B 00-04 Underway independently conducting outer barrier patrol in accordance with CTF 65 night orders for 19-20 March 1966. Base course is 020°/200°. Base speed 4 knots. Ship is in Condition Watch Four, with material condition Yoke set. OTC is CTF 65 embarked on USS Albany (CG 10).

Marvin S. Baus, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0432 C/L 200° T 0548 MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED OPS. 0750 MUSTERED CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

J. B. Clabey
 LTJG USNR

J 08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

W. S. Sendeck, ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

703 Petty J LCPDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MS0519)DATE SATURDAY 19 MAR 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

B. S. Willard LTJG, USNR

B 16-18 Underway as before.

Marvin S. Baus, Jr.
Ensign, USNR18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1808 C/C 280°T. 1830 C/S 11 KNOTS.
1838 C/C 340°T. 1856 C/C 110°T C/S 2 KNOTS. 1904 C/C 085°T. 1925
 C/S 3 KNOTS. 1941 C/C 070°T.J. S. Clute
LTJG USNR.

S 20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

M. S. Sendelbach, ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

J. B. Gentry LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MS0519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SUNDAY 20 MAR. 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-13.1N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.0W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-12.9N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.2W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-12.5N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.0W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 UNDERWAY INDEPENDENTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 65 NIGHT ORDERS OF 19-20 MARCH 1966. COURSE LEGS ARE 070 AND 250. SPEED 2 KTS. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH IV WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. OTC IS CTF 65 EMBARKED ON USS ALBANY (CG10). 0016 C/C 255. 0055 C/C 060. 0336 C/C 260.

BS Willard LTJG, USNR

04-08 Underway as before. 0748 Steering various courses at various speeds while enroute to assigned operation areas. 0750 Mustered the crew on station. Absentees: None.

Martin J. Bana, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED OPS.

J. B. Clancy
 LTJG, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

W. B. Botley LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE SUNDAY 20 MAR 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1326 MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE PROCEEDING TO USS NESPELEN (AOG 55) AT ANCHOR. COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR MOORING. 1350 STATIONED SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR MOORING. 1409 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO NESPELEN. SET REGULAR ANCHOR WATCH. 1423 COMMENCED FUELING, DRAFT: FORWARD 10'7", AFT 11'4". 1445 SECURED FROM FUELING. COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 1450 STATIONED SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 1455 COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. CAPTAIN HAS THE CONN, NAVIGATOR AND COO ON THE BRIDGE. DRAFT: FORWARD 10'7", AFT 11'3". 1500 UNDERWAY FOR ASSIGNED OPAREA, MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS.

RW Sendelbach, ENS, USNR

16-18. UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1600 PROCEEDING TO OUTER BARRIER PATROL AREA.

JS Willard, LTJG, USNR

18-20 Underway as before.

Marvin J. Baus, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

JBClaude
LTJG USNR.

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

20300th Jucor U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Oatman, LT U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSC-59) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE MONDAY 21 MAR 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-13.7 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.2 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-13.0 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.9 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-12.7 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.8 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAM STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH
 CTF 65 NIGHT ORDERS OF 20-21 MARCH 1966. COURSE LEGS ARE
 070 AND 250. SPEED 2 KTS. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH 12 WITH
 MATERIAL CONDITION YOKO SET. SOPA IS W. S. GUEST; RAOM, USN,
 CTF 65 EMBARKED ON USS ALBANY (CG10).

RW Sendelbach, ENS. USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0750 MUSTERED THE CREW AT
 QUARTERS ABSENTS: NONE.

BS Willard, CTF, USNR

08-12 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds while
 conducting outer barrier patrol.

Marvin L. Bane, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

Bob Botth JCTR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman LT.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE MONDAY 21 MAR. 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.JBC Clark
LTJG USNR.16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.RW Sendelbach, ENS. USNR18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.BS Villard, LTJG, USNR20-24 Underway as before.Marvin S. Bane, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

AB Botth CCOR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

RJ Osterman, LT.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MS0519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE TUESDAY 22 MAR 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-13.3N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.2W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-12.9N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.4W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-13.6N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.3W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 65 NIGHT ORDERS FOR 21-22 MARCH 1966. COURSE LEGS ARE 055°T AND 235°T. SPEED 2 KNOTS. SHIP IS IN CONDITION WATCH IV WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. OTC IS CTF 65 EMBARKED IN USS ALBANY (CG 10) 0028 °C 060°T °S 5 KNOTS. 0232 °C 260°T °S 8 KNOTS. 0307 °S 5 KNOTS.

J. B. Clark
 LTJG USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0750 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTS: NONE.

R. W. Sanderbach, ENS. USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1030 SET THE SPECIAL SBA DETAIL. COMMENCED PREPARATIONS TO MOOR PORT SIDE TO USS SYLVANIA (AFS 2) AT ANCHOR. 1120 SECURED FROM ATTEMPTING TO GO ALONGSIDE SYLVANIA DUE TO POOR SBA CONDITIONS. COMMENCED PREPARATION TO PROCEED TO ANCHORAGE ASTERN OF SYLVANIA. 1132 ANCHORED IN 38 FEET OF WATER WITH 37 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR, MUD BOTTOM, ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHOR BEARINGS: TOWER 321°, TOWER 328°, TOWER 016°. 1138 SECURED FROM SPECIAL SBA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. SATREGULAR ANCHOR WATCH.

B. S. Willard, LTJG, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

10300th JCOR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE TUESDAY 22 MARCH, 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 Anchored as before. 1245 Commenced taking on provisions from two utility boats from USS Albany (CG10). 1340 Completed replenishment of provisions. 1345 Commenced preparations for getting underway. 1405 Stationed the special sea and anchor detail. 1410 Completed all preparations for getting underway. 1455 Executive Officer has the Conn; Captain on the bridge. 1503 Underway in accordance with CTF 65 Operation Order for 22 March 1966. 1504 OOD was given the Conn. Steering various courses at various speeds while enroute to assigned operation areas. 1509 Secured the special sea and anchor detail. Set the regular underway watch.

Marvin S. Baus, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

J. B. Clark
LTJG, USNR

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

RW Sendeblack, ENS, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

BS Willard, LTJG, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

103 Potts, LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R J Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSC-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE WEDNESDAY 23 MAR, 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM Palomares, Spain TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-13.8N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-44.0W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-13.3N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.1W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-13.5N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.9W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 Steaming independently in accordance with CTF 65 night orders for 22-23 March 1966, conducting outer barrier patrol. Base course 060°/240°. Base speed 3 knots. Ship in Condition Watch Four, with material condition Yoke set. Ships present include units of Task Force 65. OTC is CTF 65 embarked on USS Albany (CG10).

Marvin S. Baum, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0750 MUSTERED CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

J. S. Clark
 LTJG USNR.

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

RW Sendelbach, ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

Robert J. Jacobs

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, Jr.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY MSO 519DATE WED 23 MAR, 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

BS Willard LTJG USNR

16-18 Underway as before.

Marrin J. Pans, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

AB Clardy
LTJG USNR.

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2228 MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE PROCEEDING TO ANCHORAGE C-2. COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR ANCHORING. 2230 STATIONED SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 2235 COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR ANCHORING. CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE, OOD HAS THE CONN. 2241 ANCHORED OFF PALOMARES, SPAIN, AT ANCHORAGE C-2, IN 48 FT. OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 45 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE PORT ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHOR BEARINGS: FLASHING WHITE LIGHT 193°, WHITE LIGHT 243°, RED LIGHT 301°. 2250 SECURED SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL.

AM Sendellach, ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

JB Gotti, LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

RJ Osterman, LT.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS ABILITY MS0519 ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE THURSDAY 24 MAR, 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-14.0 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
<u>λ 01-43.2 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-13.2 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
<u>λ 01-42.6 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-13.0 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
<u>λ 01-43.0 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 ANCHORED OFF PALOMARES, SPAIN WITH 45 FATHOMS OF CHAIN OUT ON THE PORT ANCHOR IN 48 FEET OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHORAGE BEARINGS: WHITE LIGHT 198. FIXED WHITE LIGHT 243°, RED LIGHT 301°. ANCHORAGE IS C-2. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH IV WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKO SBT. SOPA IS CTF 65 EMBARKED ON ALBANY (CG 10).

BS Willard, LTJG, USNR

04-08 Anchored as before. 0640 Commenced preparations for getting underway. 0655 Launched motor whale boat. Motor whale boat underway for USS Albany (CG-10). 0725 Stationed the special sea and anchor detail. 0726 Recovered motor whale boat. 0740 Completed all preparations for getting underway. 0750 OOD has the Comm. Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Underway in accordance with CTF 65 Operation Order for day operations of 24 March 1966. Steering various courses at various speeds conducting inner barrier patrol. 0755 Secured the special sea and anchor detail. Let regular underway watches. 0756 Mustered the crew at quarters. Absentees: None.

*Marvin S. Bano, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR*

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED OPS. 1122 C/C 219°T C/S 13 KNOTS. 1130 STATIONED SEA DETAIL 1135 MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO GO ALONGSIDE USS PETREL (ASR 14) 1152 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO USS PETREL (ASR 14) ALONGSIDE USS CASCADE (AD 16) WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. 1157 SECURED SPECIAL SEA DETAIL.

*J. H. Clancy
 LTJG USNR.*

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

W. B. Goffe, LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)DATE THURSDAY 24 APR 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 MOORED AS BEFORE. 1305 COMMENCED TRANSFERRING SALVAGE OPERATION GEAR TO USS CASCADE (AD16) 1337 SECURED TRANSFER. 1420 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 1424 STATIONED SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. CAPTAIN HAS THE CONN, ~~NAV GAT10~~ NAVIGATOR AND OOD ON THE BRIDGE. 1430 COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. DRAFT: FORWARD 10'7", AFT 11'3". 1437 UNDERWAY FROM ALONGSIDE USS RETREL (ASR-14). MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE PROCEEDING TO ASSIGN OPAREA. 1446 SECURED SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL.

R. Sendelbach, ENS, USNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1710 ASSUMED OUTER BARRIER PATROL.

B. Willard LTJG, USNR

18-20 Underway as before.

*Marvin J. Pans, Jr.
Ensign, USNR*

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2205 MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO ESCORT YO-70 TO ANCHORAGE. 2334 C/G 090° T C/S 11 KNOTS.

*J. B. Clark
LTJG USNR*

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

B. Botthj LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. Osterman LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY MS0519 ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE FRIDAY 25 MAR 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-12.8 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.1 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-13.1 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.8 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-13.3 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.1 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF
 65 NIGHT ORDERS OF 24-25 MARCH 1966. COURSE LEGS
 ARE 070 AND 250. SPEED 2 KTS. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH
 TD WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. SOPA IS U.S.

GUEST, RAAM, USN, CTF 65, EMBARKED ON USS ALBANY (CG 10)

R. S. DeBlack, ENS, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0750 MUSTERED THE CREW
 AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

J. S. Willard, LTJG, USNR

08-12 Underway as before.

Marvin J. Baus, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

B. B. Little, Jr.

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE FRIDAY 25 MAR. 19 66
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES
AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO CONDUCT ASSIGNED OPS

BS Willard, LTJG, USNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS
COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED OPS.

Russendelbach, ENS, USNR

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1846 RELIEVED ON OUTER BARRIER
PATROL BY USS RIVAL (MSO 460). SET COURSE 320 SPEED 12 KTS
TO PROCEED TO Y070 FOR REFUELING. 1900 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS
FOR MOORING ALONGSIDE Y070. 1902 STATIONED SPECIAL SEA DETAIL.
1910 COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR MOORING ALONGSIDE. NAVIGATOR
HAD THE CONN, OOD AND CAPTAIN ON THE BRIDGE. COMMENCED
MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE MAKING
APPROACH TO Y070. 1930 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO Y070
IN A NEET OF 4 SHIPS AT ANCHORAGE A-3 OFF PALOMARES,
SPAIN WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. USS CASCADE (AD16)
AT ANCHOR WITH USS NOTABLE (MSO 460) MOORED STARBOARD SIDE
TO CASCADE AND Y070 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO NOTABLE. 1936
SECURED FROM SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 1940 COMMENCED TAKING ON
DIESEL FUEL. DRAFT FORWARD 10'10" AFT 10'9"

20-24 Moored as before. 2020 Completed fueling from Y070. Draft ten feet
eleven inches forward, eleven feet three inches aft.

BS Willard, LTJG, USNR
Marvin S. Baus, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

BS Botth, LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

RJ Dutton, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MS0519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SATURDAY, 26 MAR. 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L 37-13.2 N	BY 2	
λ 01-42.8 W	BY 2	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L 37-12.9 N	BY 2	
λ 01-42.0 W	BY 2	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L 37-13.2 N	BY 2	
λ 01-43.6 W	BY 2	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO YO-70 WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES IN A NEST OF FOUR SHIPS. USS NOTABLE (MSO 460) MOORED OUTBOARD YO-70; USS CASCADE (AD16) MOORED OUTBOARD NOTABLE TO STARBOARD. USS CASCADE (AD16) ANCHORED IN OP AREA, PALOMARES, SPAIN. SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE UNITS OF TASK FORCE 65. SOPA IS U.S. GUEST, RADM, USN, CTF 65.

J. B. [Signature]
 LTJG USNR.

00-08 MOORED AS BEFORE. 0730 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0750 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

Philendellack ENS, USNR

08-12 MOORED AS BEFORE. 0827 SOUNDED SEA DETAIL. 0830 COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE, NAVIGATOR HAS THE CONN. 0835 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 65 OP ORDER FOR 26 MAR 1966. PROCEEDING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS TO INNER BARRIER PATROL. 0849 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 0900 WAS THE CONN. COMMENCED INNER BARRIER PATROL.

B. S. [Signature] LTJG, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

[Signature] J. B. [Signature]

U. S. N. COMMANDING

[Signature] R. J. [Signature]

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILTIP (MSO-519)DATE SATURDAY 26 MAR 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 Underway as before. 1518 Executive officer has the Conn. 1545 OOD has given the Conn.

Marvin S. Baus, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 1600 $\frac{1}{2}$ 130°T 1641 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 KNOTS $\frac{1}{2}$ 085°T
1643 $\frac{1}{2}$ 135°T. 1650 $\frac{1}{2}$ 310°T $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 KNOTS. 1652 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 KNOT. 1704 $\frac{1}{2}$
000°T $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 KNOTS. 1705 $\frac{1}{2}$ 350°T $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 KNOTS 1713 $\frac{1}{2}$ 045° $\frac{1}{2}$ 11.5 KNTS.
1716 $\frac{1}{2}$ 050°T 1727 $\frac{1}{2}$ 220°T $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 KNOTS 1740 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 KNOTS 1756
 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 KNOTS 1758 $\frac{1}{2}$ 185°T $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 KNOTS.

J. S. Clancy
LTJG USNR

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1813 MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS AND
AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE PROCEEDING TO ANCHORAGE C-2.
COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR ANCHORING. 1817 STATIONED
SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 1835 COMPLETED PREPARATIONS
FOR ANCHORING. CAPTAIN AND OOD ON THE BRIDGE, NAVIGATOR
HAS THE CONN. 1838 ANCHORED IN ANCHORAGE C-2 IN 41 FT.
OF WATER WITH 45 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD
ANCHOR, MUD BOTTOM, ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHOR BEARINGS:
TOWER 1 005°, STEADY RED LIGHT 296°, TOWER 2 223°.
1140 SECURED SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. SET REGULAR
ANCHOR WATCH.

R. Wendelbach, ENS, USNR

20-24 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

B. S. Villard, LTJG, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

[Signature]
U. S. N. COMMANDING

[Signature] LT. U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SUNDAY 27 MAR 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-13.5N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-44.2W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-13.0N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-44.0W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-13.3N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.6W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 Anchored in area Charlie-2, Palomares, Spain, in 41 feet of water, mud bottom, with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Fixed red light number one 223°, fixed red light number two 296°, flashing white light 005°. Ship in Condition Watch Five, with material condition Yoke set. Other ships present are units of Task Force 65. OTC is CTF 65 embarked on USS Albany (CG-10).

Marvin S. Raus, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 0750 MUSTERED CREW ON STATION. ABSENTEES: NONE.

[Signature]

08-12 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

RW Sendelbach, ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

[Signature]

U. S. N. COMMANDING

[Signature]

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY MJO 519DATE SUNDAY 27 MAR. 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

17-16 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

BS Willard, LTJG, USNR

16-18 Anchored as before.

Marvin S. Baus, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

18-20 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

J. C. Cloutier
LTJG, USNR

20-24 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

RW Sendelbach, ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

B. J. G. Jacobs

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Ostermann, LT.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY MS0519 ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE MONDAY 28 MARCH 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-12.8 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.1 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-13.2 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.6 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-13.1 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-42.0 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 ANCHORED OFF PALOMARES, SPAIN IN ANCHORAGE C-2 IN 45 FEET OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 45 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHOR BEARINGS: STEADY RED LIGHT 005°, RED LIGHT 296° FLASHING WHITE LIGHT 217°. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH IV WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKIE SET. OTCIS CTF 65 EMBARKED ON USS ALBANY (CG10).

Beviland, LTJG, USNR

04-08 Anchored as before. 0705 Commenced preparations for getting underway. 0710 Stationed Special Sea Detail. 0714 Completed all preparations for getting underway. 007 has Conn; Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 0722 Underway for daily operations in accordance with CTF 65 daily operation order for 28 March 1966. Steering various courses at various speeds while enroute to outer barrier patrol station. 0750 Mustered the crew at quarters. 0730 Secured the Special Sea Detail. 0750 Mustered the crew at quarters. Absentees None.

Marvin J. Baus, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING ASSIGNED OPS.

J. S. Clutz
 LTJG USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

705 Betty Jacob

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)DATE MONDAY 28 MAR 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.AW Sendelbach, ENS, USNR16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.B SWillard, LTJG, USNR18-20 Underway as before.Marvin L. Pans, Jr.
Ensign, USNR20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.AB Clancy
LTJG USNR.

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

W Boller, JCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R J Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO-514) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE TUESDAY 29 MAR 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM Palomares, Spain TO

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37-13.1 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-44.0 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37-14.1 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>01-43.5 W</u>	BY <u></u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37-47.6 N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>00-26.1 W</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 65 NIGHT ORDERS OF 28-29 MARCH 1966. COURSE LEGS ARE 035 AND 215. SPEED 4 KTS. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH IV WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKO SET. SOPA IS U.S. GUEST, ADM, USN, CTF 65, EMBARKED ON USS ALBANY (CG 10).

M. Sundelbach, ENS, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0750 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTS: NONE.

B. Willard, LTJG, USNR

08-12 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various while enroute to refuel from 40-70. 0829 Stationed the Special Sea Detail. 0849 Steering various courses at various speeds to go alongside USS Notable (MSO 460). 0852 Moored in a meet of four ships with starboard side to port side of Notable; Notable moored starboard side to port side 40-70; 4070 moored starboard side to port side of USS Cascode (AD16). 0855 Secured Special Sea Detail. 0903 C.E. DALTON, LT, 661 911, USN left the ship to report for duty aboard USS Lane (DD 866). Commenced fueling from 4070. Draft 10 feet 6 inches forward, 11 feet 0 inches aft. 1105 Completed fueling: Draft 10 feet 7 inches forward, 11 feet 1 inch aft. Stationed the Special Sea Detail. OOD has Conn. Captain and Navigator on bridge. 1110 Completed preparations for getting underway. 1116 Underway from alongside Notable in accordance with CTF 65 Day Ops for 29 March 1966. Steering various courses at various speeds while waiting for Notable to get underway.

*Mervin S. Bass, Jr.
 Ensign, USNR*

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

W. B. Bolly, LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE TUESDAY 29 MAR 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1203 MANEUVERING TO TAKE STATION ONE IN COLUMN FORMATION, AXIS 060, COURSE 060°T, SPEED 9 KNOTS. GUIDE IS USS ABILITY IN STATION ONE. USS NOTABLE IS IN STATION TWO. 1215 C/C 070°T. FORMATION AXIS 070°T.

AB Clark
LTJG USNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

Murden Delbach, ENS, USNR

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

B. Willard, LTJG USNR

20-24 Underway as before.

Marvin L. Bass, Jr.
Ensign, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

B. (Bobby) ... U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Osterman, LT. U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE WEDNESDAY, 30 MAR. 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO VALENCIA, SPAIN

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING IN COMPANY WITH TASK GROUP 68.1 COMPOSED OF USS ABILITY (MSO 519) AND USS NOTABLE (MSO 460) ENROUTE FROM PALOMARES, SPAIN TO VALENCIA, SPAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMSIXTHFLT THIRD QUARTER OP-SCHEDULE 3-66. THIS SHIP IS GUIDE IN STATION ONE OF COLUMN FORMATION. USS NOTABLE (MSO 460) IS IN STATION TWO. FORMATION COURSE IS 034°T, SPEED 9 KNOTS, FORMATION AXIS 034°T, RANGE 500 YARDS. OTC IS COMINDIV 85 EMBARKED IN THIS VESSEL. CONDITION OF READINESS III AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. 0023 SIGHTED PTA DEL DESCUBRIDOR LIGHT BEARING 017°T, RANGE 23 MILES. 0035 SIGHTED MTEIFACH LIGHT BEARING 342°T, RANGE 12 MILES. 0055 PASSED PTA DEL ALBIR LIGHT ABEAM TO PORT BEARING 039°T, RANGE 11.4 MILES. 0115 MTEIFACH LIGHT PASSED FROM VIEW BEARING 240°T, RANGE ABOUT 11 MILES. 0130 ALBIR LIGHT PAST FROM VIEW BEARING 250°T, RANGE ABOUT 15 MILES. 0210 SIGHTED CABO DE SAN ANTONIO LIGHT BEARING 333°T, RANGE 11.5 MILES. 0312 °C 321°T, FORMATION AXIS 321°T. 0313 PTA DEL DESCUBRIDOR LIGHT ABEAM TO PORT BEARING 312°T, RANGE 9.5 MILES. 0344 CABO DE SAN ANTONIO LIGHT ABEAM TO PORT BEARING 245°T, RANGE 8.5 MILES.

[Signature]
 LTJG USN

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0727 SIGHTED ENTRANCE TO HARBOR AT VALENCIA, SPAIN, RANGE 10.5 MILES. 0750 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTS: NONE.

[Signature] ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

[Signature] B. Botley Jacob

U. S. N. COMMANDING

[Signature] R. J. Osterman, Lt.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE WEDNESDAY 30 MAR 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0800 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR ENTERING PORT. 0806 C/S 6 KTS. 0821 C/C 291° 0823 SET THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. USS NOTABLE (MSO 460) DETACHED FROM FORMATION TO PROCEED INDEPENDENTLY INTO PORT. 0829 COMMENCED MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE ENTERING HARBOR. COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR ENTERING PORT. CAPTAIN ON THE BRIDGE, OOD HAS THE CONN. NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. 0840 TOOK HARBOR PILOT ABOARD. 0855 CAPTAIN HAS THE CONN. 0905 MOORED PORT SIDE TO MUELLE TRANSVERSAN DE LAVANTE PIER AT VALENCIA, SPAIN WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. 0910 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. DEBARKED HARBOR PILOT. 0915 USS NOTABLE MOORED PORT SIDE TO OUR STARBOARD SIDE. 1012 AMERICAN VICE-CONSULANT ARRIVED. 1027 AMERICAN VICE CONSULANT DEPARTED.

B. S. Willard, LTJG USNR

12-24 Moored as before. 1258 Port Captain came aboard. 1316 Port Captain left the ship. 1820 Mustered fire party. 1830 Secured fire party.

*Marvin D. Buss, Jr.
Ensign, USNR*

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

B. S. Willard, LTJG U. S. N. COMMANDING

R. J. Oatman, LT. U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE THURSDAY 31 MARCH 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM VALENCIA, SPAIN TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
 2-ELECTRONIC
 3-VISUAL
 4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-08 Moored port side to Muelle Transversal de Levante pier at Valencia, Spain, with standard mooring lines doubled. USS Notable (MSO 460) moored outboard this ship with port side to starboard side this ship. Ship is in condition Wath Five, with material condition Upreset. Other ships present include various merchant and harbor craft. SOPA is COMIN DIV 85 embarked on this ship. 0630 Set material condition X-ray. 0750 Mustered the crew at quarters. Absentees: None.

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APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

[Signature]
 G. B. Jacobs

U. S. N. COMMANDING

[Signature]
 R. Osterman, Jr.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)DATE THURSDAY 31 MARCH 19 86
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

08-24 MOORED AS BEFORE. 1900 MUSTERED FIRE PARTY.
1918 SECURED FIRE PARTY.

R. J. Williams, LTJG, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

B. J. Botte, LCDR

U. S. N. COMMANDING

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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